

Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

EASTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31, 1955



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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Helen J. Young

Clerk

Beulah A. Bowles

Treasurer

Sadie N. Glover

Selectmen

William S. Searles

Walter M. Wolff

Durand B. Cooley

Supervisors

Ion S. Whitcomb

Jack Kenney

Helene Schultze

Board of Education

Eva F. Cooley

Helen J. Young

Phyllis H. Bowles

Library Trustees

Margaret T. Whitcomb

Jane K. Cutter

Beulah A. Bowles

Tax Collector

Ion S. Whitcomb

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Ion S. Whitcomb

Phyllis H. Bowles

Eva F. Cooley

Police Officer

Ion S. Whitcomb

Dog Constable

Jack Kenney

Auditor

Everett M. Furman

Sexton

Merton Edney

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TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint or designate a qualified person who is a resident of this town, to act as Highway Agent during the current year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's Share \$28.58; State's Share \$190.54; and raise money for same.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29.29 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns of the region.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid Construction: Town's Share—\$435.00; State's Share—\$1,000 and raise money for same.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote for the removal of the old (Johnsky) barn adjacent to the Town Hall and if so, to authorize the selectmen to arrange for the most advantageous disposal of same.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 as the Town's contribution to the N. H. Marine Memorial Fund.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to support the Town Library.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for the cemetery.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to have an up-to-date town map prepared, and to raise and appropriate the sum of not in excess of \$200.00 for same.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to have the interior of the Town Hall repainted and decorated, and to raise and appropriate an amount not in excess of \$600.00 for the cost of such improvement.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

Article 13. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to allow discount for early payment of taxes. What percent, and at what time?

Article 14. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as are stated in the proposed budget for repair to town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of town building, officers' salaries and expenses, and other town charges.

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The above warrant is correct to the following date:
February 10, 1956.

William S. Searles,
Walter M. Wolff,
Durand B. Cooley,
Selectmen

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1955	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
From State:			
Bounties	\$ 47.50	47.50	
Interest and Dividends tax	500.00	595.12	550.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	300.00	100.10	150.00
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood and Timber	100.00	4.73	
For fighting forest fires		13.84	
National Forest Reserve	450.00	493.53	450.00
From Local Sources except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	30.00	26.40	30.00
Income from Trust Funds		22.19	22.50
Interest received on taxes and deposits		.09	
1954 Delinquent Prop. Taxes		4.32	
Motor Vehicle Permit fees	450.00	656.55	550.00
Rental Highway Equipment		19.63	
*Cash Surplus		209.00	860.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Prop. Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2	80.00	92.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	100.00	139.07	125.00
Head Taxes		270.00	
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes		\$2,685.07	2,827.50
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes		3,013.40	3,652.37
Total Revenues		\$5,698.47	6,479.87

*Cash on hand over current liabilities

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations for the previous year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1955	Actual 1955	Estimate 1956
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 600.00	505.20	575.00
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	252.74	300.00
Election and Registration	50.00	8.00	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Buildings	175.00	88.13	750.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	27.68	100.00
Insurance	75.00	70.56	75.00
Bounties		5.00	
Health:			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	5.00	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	2.50	5.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	500.00	415.68	450.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	350.00	404.37	450.00
Gen. Expenses Highway Dept.	200.00	50.00	150.00
Town Road Aid	35.00	28.59	28.58
Libraries	125.00	125.00	150.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	75.00	75.40	75.00
Unclassified:			
Marine Memorial Fund			25.00
50% School share N. F. R. F.	225.00	246.76	225.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	28.98	28.98	29.29
New Town Map			200.00
State Aid Const.—Town's share	435.00	435.00	435.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
Head Taxes		270.00	
County Taxes	625.00	584.43	600.00
School Taxes	1,054.69	1,054.69	1,702.00
Total Expenditures		\$4,683.71	6,479.87

INVENTORY OF 1955

Land and Buildings	\$228,215.00
Growing Wood and Timber	\$ 14,380.00
Electric Power Lines	74,140.00
26 Cows	2,370.00
5 Horses	365.00
6 Sheep	40.00
2 Oxen	200.00
5 Gasoline Pumps	560.00
Wood and Lumber	150.00
Mills and Machinery	1,300.00
Total Gross Valuation	\$307,340.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	6,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is	
Computed	\$301,340.00
Property Tax	\$ 3,013.40
Poll Tax	94.00
Yield Tax	139.07
Total Taxes for Collector	\$ 3,246.47
Tax Rate \$100.00 Valuation	1.00

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall and land	\$ 8,150.00
Furniture and equipment	120.00
Library and equipment	1,500.00
Fire department and equipment	70.00
Highway department and equipment	100.00
Johnsky place	150.00
Total	\$ 10,090.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES**

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Overdraft	Unexpended Balance
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 600.00	505.20		94.80
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	252.74		47.26
Election and Reg. expense	50.00	8.00		42.00
Town Hall expenses	175.00	88.13		86.87
Fire Dept. & Civil Defense	100.00	27.68		72.32
Vital Statistics	5.00	2.50		2.50
Town Maintenance—Summer	500.00	415.68		84.32
Town Maintenance—Winter	350.00	404.37	54.37	
Gen. expense of highways	200.00	50.00		150.00
State Aid Construction	435.00	435.00		
T. R. A.—Town's share	35.00	28.58		6.42
Cemetery	75.00	75.40	.40	
County Tax	625.00	584.43		40.57
School	1,054.69	1,054.69		
Library	125.00	125.00		
Cooperative Advertising	28.98	28.98		
Town Poor	50.00			50.00
Health	5.00	5.00		
Insurance, Town Hall	75.00	70.56		4.44
50% School share N. F. R. F.	225.00	246.76	21.76	

**LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1955
COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1956**

	1955	1956
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 600.00	\$ 575.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	300.00
Election and registration exp.	50.00	100.00
Town Hall expenses	250.00	825.00
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	500.00	450.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	350.00	450.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	200.00	150.00
State Aid Construction	435.00	435.00
T. R. A. Town's Share	35.00	28.58
Cemetery	75.00	75.00
County Tax	625.00	600.00
School	3,000.00	1,702.00
Library	125.00	150.00
Cooperative Advertising	28.98	29.29
Town Poor	50.00	50.00
Health	5.00	5.00
50% School's Share of N. F. R. F.	225.00	225.00
New Town Map		200.00
Marine Memorial Contribution		25.00
Total for 1956		\$6,479.87

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Balance on hand December 31, 1955	\$ 1,855.93
Accounts due the Town:	
State of N. H., Bounties	5.00
Uncollected property taxes	84.59
Capital Reserve Fund	756.49
Total Assets	\$ 2,702.01

Liabilities

Capital Reserve Fund (To offset asset, above)	\$ 756.49
Total Liabilities	\$ 756.49
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$ 1,945.52

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1955 Auto Permits	\$ 656.55
1955 Dog Taxes	\$ 29.00
Less Clerk's Fee	2.60
	26.40
Total amount to Town Treasurer	\$ 682.95

BEULAH A. BOWLES,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1955

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,013.40
Poll Taxes	94.00
Total Warrant	\$ 3,107.40
Yield Taxes	139.07
Total Debits	\$ 3,246.47

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,913.41
Poll Taxes	92.00
Yield Taxes	106.48
Discounts Allowed	47.99
Abatements	2.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	52.00
Yield Taxes	32.59
Total Credits	\$ 3,246.47

**Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1954**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955:

Property Taxes	\$	4.32	
			\$ 4.32

Interest Collected During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1955		.09	

Total Debits	\$	4.41	
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ended December 31, 1955:

Property Taxes	\$	4.32	
Interest Collected		.09	

Total Credits	\$	4.41	
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**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1954**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan.

1, 1955	\$	10.00	
Penalties Collected During 1955		1.00	

Total Debits	\$	11.00	
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During 1955:

Head Taxes	\$	10.00	
Penalties		1.00	

Total Credits	\$	11.00	
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**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1955**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$	275.00
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Total Commitment		\$ 275.00
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Total Debits		\$ 275.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$	270.00
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Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's

List:		5.00
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Total Credits	\$	275.00
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Uncollected Taxes

Head Taxes:

Dalton, Harold J.	\$	5.00
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Property Taxes:

Dalton, Harold J.		6.00
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Crowe, George W.		40.00
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Bowles, Melvin and Ida		6.00
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Yield Taxes:

Boutin, A. J.		32.59
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	\$	89.59
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"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1955, on account of the tax levy of 1955, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

ION S. WHITCOMB,

Tax Collector of Easton, N. H.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 1,165.02
Ion S. Whitcomb, Collector—Taxes	3,397.30
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk—	
Automobile Taxes	656.55
Dog Taxes	26.40
Ion S. Whitcomb, rental of Town Grader	19.63
From State of New Hampshire:	
Bounties	47.50
Reimbursement F. F. Train. School	13.84
Reimbursement Tax loss a/c State Forest	
Lands	100.10
Interest and Dividend Tax	595.12
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	493.53
Reimbursement Tax Loss on Growing	
Timber	4.73
Total	\$ 6,519.72
Paid on account of 43 Selectmen's Orders	4,663.79
Cash balance on hand—Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 1,855.93

SADIE N. GLOVER,
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1955

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 505.20
Town Officers' Expenses	252.74
Election and Registration	8.00
Town Hall Expense and Insurance	158.69
Fire Department	27.68
Bounties	5.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	2.50
Town Maintenance: Winter	404.37
Town Maintenance: Summer	415.68
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	50.00
State Aid Construction	435.00
Town Road Aid	28.59
Library	125.00
Cooperative Advertising	28.98
Cemetery	75.40
Head Tax	250.08
County Tax	584.43
School District	1,301.45
Total Payments	\$ 4,663.79

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Helen J. Young, Moderator	\$ 4.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, Tax Collector	53.70
Durand B. Cooley, Selectman Chairman	300.00
Helen J. Young, Auditor	10.00
Walter M. Wolff, Selectman	57.50
Beulah A. Bowles, Clerk	45.00
Sadie N. Glover, Treasurer	35.00
Total	\$ 505.20

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Branham Publishing Co., automobile book	\$ 4.18
Wheeler and Clark, dog tags	3.48
Town and Country, town reports	148.50
Hunkins and Eaton, bonds	35.00
F. J. Shores, land transfers	1.06
Courier Printing Co., selectman's notices	4.94
Ida M. Horner, tax collector's assoc., dues	3.00
Beulah Bowles, town clerk	7.78
Walter M. Wolff, selectman	17.60
D. B. Cooley, selectman	14.50
Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector	10.95
Sadie N. Glover, town treasurer	1.25
Anna D. Proctor, name tranfers	.50
Total	\$ 252.74

Detail 3. Election and Registration:

Ion S. Whitcomb, supervisor	\$ 4.00
Helene Schultze, supervisor	4.00
Total	\$ 8.00

Detail 4. Town Hall Expense:

Merton Edney, janitor	\$ 54.10
G. E. Bigelow, electrician	2.47
Public Service Co., lights	31.56
Farm Bureau Ins. Co., town hall ins.	70.56
Total	158.69

Detail 5. Fire Department

D. B. Cooley, fire warden	\$ 15.52
Ion S. Whitcomb, fire warden	12.16
Total	\$ 27.68

Detail 6. Bounties:

John Simpson, 1 bear	\$ 5.00
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Detail 7. Health Department:

D. B. Cooley, health officer	\$ 5.00
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Detail 8. Vital Statistics:

Beulah Bowles, town clerk	\$ 2.50
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Detail 9. Town Maintenance, Winter:

Treasurer, State of N. H., plowing snow	\$ 404.37
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Detail 10. Town Maintenance, Summer:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 415.68
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Detail 11. General Exp. of Highway Dept.:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 50.00
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Detail 12. State Aid Construction:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 435.00
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Detail 13. Town Road Aid:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 28.59
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Detail 14. Library:

Jane Cutter, Treasurer, Appropriation	\$ 125.00
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Detail 15. Recreation:

White Mt. Region Association	\$ 28.98
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Detail 16. Cemetery:

Merton Edney, sexton	\$	68.50
Oliver Bowles, mowing		3.00
Littleton Hardware, shovel		3.90
Total	\$	75.40

Detail 17. Head Tax:

State Treasurer	\$	250.08
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Detail 18. County Tax:

Lawrence M. Colby, county treasurer	\$	584.43
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Detail 19. School District:

Jane Cutter, treasurer	\$	1,301.45
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PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL TREASURER

½ N. F. R. F. for year ending June 30, 1956	\$	246.76
All approp. for the year ending June 30, 1956		1,054.69
	\$	1,301.45

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton on December 31, 1955

Date of Creation	Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young Trust Fund	Lisbon Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co.	\$100.00	2½ %	14.52	2.86		17.38
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	100.00	3%	32.99	3.99	.50	36.48
1937	Orin G. Bowles Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	51.50	7.60	.50	58.60
1947	Charles A. Young Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	24.48	6.77	1.00	30.25
1947	Arthur Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	114.00	3%	12.99	3.81	.50	16.30
1954	Florence Pease Trust Fund All the above trusts are for cemetery care.	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	2.00	6.11	.50	7.61
1945	Town of Easton	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%	134.30	22.19		156.49
1946	Sinking Fund (Capital Reserve)	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%				

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

I would like at this time to thank all those who have so generously given books and magazines to the library. We are now receiving eighteen different magazines which are given to the library by friends.

We have added 110 books to the library this year. The Bookmobile made 5 trips to the library in the past year. We borrowed 314 books and loaned 403.

Number of Visitors	220
Books Loaned:	
Adult Fiction	634
Non-fiction	103
Juvenile Fiction	144
Non-fiction	31
Total of Books Loaned	912
Magazines Loaned	131
Total Circulation	1043
Number of Readers	28

The Library is open to the public every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. Anyone wishing to obtain books at any other time may do so by contacting the librarian.

IVAH EDNEY,
Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	\$	54.45	
Approp. from Selectmen		125.00	
		\$	179.45
Salary of Librarian	\$	100.00	
Insurance on Books		13.14	
Books purchased		2.30	
			115.44
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$		64.01

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

This is to certify that the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustees of the Trust Funds, charged with the custody, receipt and disbursements of public funds, were examined and audited, and in my opinion were found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT M. FURMAN,
Auditor

BE A GOOD CITIZEN — COOPERATE

Smoking and debris burning caused more than 50 percent of the forest fires occurring in the state of New Hampshire in 1955 — 235 fires out of a total of 463 originated from these two sources. Lighted smoking material and matches thrown from moving vehicles along the highway or dropped by fishermen, hunters, hikers, berry and flower pickers accounted for 26 percent; debris burning in the wrong place or at the wrong time by those who failed to heed all pleas for safety or refused to recognize the logical, sensible rules and regulations set up under legislative authority governing the use of fire in or near woodlands accounted for more than 24 percent. This is inexcusable.

Everything possible is being done officially to remedy the situation. Since 1909 there has been a statute on our law books which requires everyone to secure written permission from the local forest fire warden before starting a fire in or near woodlands or where fire can be communicated to woodlands, unless the ground is covered with snow. A never ending program of educational work is being carried on by your local warden and state officials to inform the general public both of the value and necessity of securing the required permit for such burning. Much progress has been made, but there are still many who fail or refuse to cooperate. The value of our permit system was definitely proven in this district during the 1955 calendar year. District local wardens issued 959 permits for debris burning fires. That's a lot of permits. The records show only 2 permit fires got out of control. This proves several things — while wardens were liberal in the issuance of fire permits, accommodating every applicant so far as possible, they were cautious, following closely directives outlining overall policy governing the issuance of burning permits and thoroughly instructing permit users.

The latter, too, fully appreciating their responsibility in using their permits, governed themselves accordingly. Result? Much burning done legally and safe.

But what of the smokers? Despite all efforts of those officially charged with the responsibility of preventing fires, too many were careless or thoughtless in disposing of smoking material and matches. Why? It is difficult to say. Autos are now equipped with ash trays. Why not use them. The crushing out of a cigar, cigarette and the complete extinguishment of matches before being discarded is an easy chore.

If the costly habits of the careless and indifferent smoker and debris burner could be overcome, more than half of our annual forest fires would be eliminated. Will YOU do YOUR share to bring this about?

Remember

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.
3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

DURAND COOLEY,
Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1956

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Eva Cooley, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Phyllis Bowles	Term Expires 1957
Mrs. Helen Young	Term Expires 1958

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mrs. Beulah Bowles	Moderator
Miss Jane Cutter	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Whitcomb	Auditor
Mrs. Ivah Edney	Clerk
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifteenth day of March, 1956, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund

together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EVA COOLEY,
HELEN YOUNG,
PHYLLIS BOWLES,
School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EASTON 1956-57

	Paid Out 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '56	Proposed Budget 1956-57
ADMINISTRATION				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00	\$	\$ 62.00
2. Supt. Salary (Local Share)	*62.60	65.00	65.80	65.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	30.00	28.00	28.00	30.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	36.70	38.00	38.31	40.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	19.30	35.00	34.35	35.00
INSTRUCTION				
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		10.00		10.00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES				
16. Transportation	1,300.00	1,300.00	723.20	1,600.00
17. Tuition	1,380.50	2,500.00	926.76	2,500.00
18. Special Activities and Funds	9.80			
FIXED CHARGES				
19. Retirement		10.00	6.42	5.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Exp.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
24. Contingency Fund		200.00		100.00
Total	\$2,905.90	\$4,253.00	\$1,827.84	\$4,452.00

* Superintendent's salary is \$6,650. The State pays \$2,750. The Union pays \$3,900., divided as follows: Benton \$61.81, Easton \$62.60, Franconia \$643.11, Landaff \$123.63, Lincoln \$1,305.72, Lisbon Special \$1,147.58, Lisbon Town \$257.98, Lyman \$125.58, and Sugar Hill \$171.99. Division as determined by law. Report for 1954-1955 by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1956-1957

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$4,452.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1956	\$ 2,400.00
Forest Reserve	350.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,452.00 for the school year 1956-1957.

EVA COOLEY,
PHYLLIS BOWLES,
HELEN YOUNG,
School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$4,452.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$ 3,646.39
Federal Aid, Forest Reserve	227.32
Local Taxation	
Current Appropriation	1,887.82
Balance on Previous Approp.	1,112.18
	\$ 6,873.71

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 2,905.90
Cash on Hand at End of Year (June 30, 1955)	3,967.81
	\$ 6,873.71

July 1, 1955 to January 1, 1956

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	\$ 3,967.81
Appropriation from selectmen	1,054.69
Federal Aid, Forest Reserve	246.76
Total	\$ 5,269.26

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 1,827.84
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	3,441.42
Total	\$ 5,269.26

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1955****ASSETS**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	3,967.81	
Amounts due to District from Town		1,112.18	
			\$ 5,079.99

LIABILITIES

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$	5,079.99
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$	3,646.39	
Received from Selectmen			
Current Appropriation	\$	1,887.82	
Previous Appropriation		1,112.18	
Forest Reserve		227.32	
			3,227.32
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$	6,873.71	
Less School Board Orders Paid		2,905.90	
Balance on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	3,967.81	

JANE K. CUTTER,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Easton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET T. WHITCOMB,
Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Easton:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were 7 pupils attending school last year. Four elementary pupils were enrolled in the Franconia Elementary School, and 3 were enrolled in the High School, better known as Dow Academy.

There are 14 pupils attending school this year — two in the kindergarten, five in the elementary school and three in the high school at Dow Academy; there are four elementary pupils attending Benton school. The pupils are as follows: William Kenney and Melinda Porter, Kindergarten; Joanne Kenney, Grade 1; Dale Bowles, Grade 3; Ingrid Schultz, Grade 6; Bernice Cooley, Grade 7; Lois Bowles, Grade 8; Alice Cooley, Grade 10; Peter Bowles and Eleanor Cooley, Grade 12. Enrolled at Benton are Daniel Murphy and Gail Murphy, Grade 1; Susan Murphy, Grade 4; Rodney Murphy, Grade 6.

Consistent with the discussion at the last school meeting, the school assessment was cut to the lowest possible amount as regulated by our New Hampshire law. "Section 1, Chapter 140 of the Revised Laws provides: 1 Annual Tax. The Selectmen in each town shall assess an annual tax of three dollars and fifty cents on each thousand dollars of the value of the ratable estate therein for the support of the public schools." Under this law the minimum assessment for the Easton School District was \$1,054.69.

The bus route was submitted to bids as recommended by the voters at the last school meeting. Mr. Ross Taylor was the successful bidder. The transportation

from the Wildwood district was rather difficult. Mr. Barber started to carry his own children but the route was finally awarded to Mr. Joseph Boutin.

Sections of the Dow Academy Principal's report is included with this report.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the School Board and all citizens of the community interested in school activities.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

ADMINISTRATION

Dow Academy, a public school, is divided into two divisions, elementary and secondary. The elementary school consists of Kindergarten and the first six grades; the upper six grades constitute a Junior-Senior High School.

Dow Academy's school day, which permits a thirty minute period at noon for lunch, begins at 8:15 A. M. and closes at 2:15 P. M. The Elementary school's time schedule differs slightly in that they are dismissed at 11:30 A. M. for their noon period and school closes at 2:30 P. M. The school busses arrive at approximately 8:00 A. M. and leave at 3:00 P. M. This gives our students time after school for meetings with their teachers or the opportunity to get additional materials for their home study.

The faculty of Dow Academy is basically the same as last year. New teachers to Franconia are Mr. Richard Dunbar and Herbert Gebelein. Mr. Dunbar is from Newport and is teaching science and shop classes. Mr. Gebelein taught part of last year at Lisbon and lives in Rockport, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Indiana University, and has done his graduate work at Purdue. Mr. Gebelein is teaching Social Studies and coaching boys' athletics.

Dr. Ralph Parker and School Nurse Phyllis Rogers, who has replaced Nurse Irma Simeneau, continue to render their fine services in keeping the school children in good health. Complete physical examinations, including a blood count and urinalysis, were given to all students whose parents so desired. Mrs. Rogers has also conducted eye and ear examinations. The Dental Clinic was again held with the cooperation of the Greenleaf Civics Club. This year Polio vaccinations were made available for all those between the ages of one and fifteen years.

CURRICULUM

The elementary school is functioning under the State Program of Studies. Similar courses are taught in the majority of elementary schools in the state. A new marking system has been established on the following basis: A — Excellent Progress; B — Good progress; C — Average progress; D — Below average progress; and F — Failure to meet minimum requirements. This system was adopted to make the marking system as consistent as possible throughout the entire school. Personal letters written three times a year are used in the kindergarten and first grade.

The high school has three curricula from which to choose: The General; the Academic, or College Preparatory; and the Commercial. In each curricula, sixteen units are required for graduation, four of which are in English, and one in U. S. Constitutional History, taken during the Junior or Senior year. A unit is made up of one course for one school year in which a grade of 70% is attained. College grade work is 85% or above.

Franconia's kindergarten has been in operation for the first time this year. Its daily schedule is from 9 to 11:30 A. M. September to Christmas vacation, and 1 to 3 P. M. for the rest of the school year. Mrs. Ruby Harris is the teacher. It meets each school day in the Franconia Town Hall.

ACTIVITIES

The following activities are presently carried on in our school: Dramatics Club, Glee Club, Cheerleading, Ski Lessons, Student Council, Yearbook, Class organizations, and Prize Speaking.

The students have worked hard and have been very cooperative in making these activities successful.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER COLE,
Principal

EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Expenditures — 1954-1955****ADMINISTRATION****1. Salaries of District Officers**

a. Eva Cooley, Chairman		
School Board	\$	25.00
b. Helen Young, School Board		12.00
c. Phyllis Bowles, School Board		12.00
d. Ivah Edney, Clerk		5.00
e. Beulah Bowles, Moderator		5.00
f. Margaret Whitcomb, Auditor		3.00
	—————\$	62.00

2. Superintendent's Salary

a. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	62.60
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3. Tax for Statewide Supervision

a. Treas., State of N. H.	30.00
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4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel

a. Margaret Whitcomb, census	3.00
b. Treas., Supervisory Union	
No. 34	33.70
	—————
	36.70

5. Supplies and Expenses

a. Treas., Supervisory Union	
No. 34	15.41
b. Paul Farnum, School Board	
dues	2.00
c. Jane Cutter, envelopes	1.89
	—————
	19.30

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES**16. Transportation**

a. Ross Taylor	1,300.00
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17. Tuition

a. Franconia School District,		
Alice Jesseman, Treas.		
High School	740.50	
Elementary	640.00	
		1,380.50

18. Other Special Activities

a. Courier Printing Co., transportation bid	9.80
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FIXED CHARGES**20. Insurance**

a. Merrill's Ins. Agency, Treas. Bond	5.00
Total	\$ 2,905.90

TOWN ADVERTISING THAT PAYS!

Your Region Association has had in 1955 one of the most active years. Naturally, the highlight was the Presidential visit in June, and we were honored by taking a direct part in various phases of the planning which went on for months previous. Seldom has the limelight been so directly centered on the White Mountains in a national scale.

Through all the complications and confusion surrounding that planning we somehow found time to carry on our normal schedule of work benefiting our towns. Much outside travel has carried the "message of the mountains" personally to Boston, Hartford, Springfield, New York, and Philadelphia. Events such as a Guides' Show and a Women's Golf Tournament were promoted and brought gratifying publicity. Stories and pictures were placed in many publications, and thousands of publicity folders distributed, as well as direct mail answering of several thousand letters and cards with information.

Our annual 4-H contest continues to have heartening results in encouraging young people's efforts through this fine organization. Another standby, the real-estate bulletin, has put property prospects in touch with property owners and realtors all over the region.

Is it all doing you, the tax-payer, any good? "Yes!" to that. We tracked down some of our mail inquirers in a random sample again this year. We found that out of **just this small sample** (500 letters and cards) we had 100 parties that spent just over \$17,000 in the Region! That represents over $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the amount appropriated by all our towns last year. We're sure you would all be glad to invest \$1.00 to get back \$2.50, any day.

Naturally this income isn't the only total we brought in, as there are many, many more we have no way of

tracing. But it does show this is big business. It means that these people are paying big sums of **tax** money that doesn't come out of **your** pockets. With your continued help we can ease the burden of the tax load in all towns, bringing outside money to help pay for state and local services that otherwise **you'd** have to finance.

DAVID S. CASSEDY, Executive Sec'y,
White Mountains Region Association

MARRIAGES — 1955

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age	Occupation	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
November 26 Franconia	David Andrew Bowles Iona Mae Murray	Easton Lisbon	23 19		Lawrence S. Bowles Baulah Astle Bowles Kenneth L. Murray Henrietta Nichols	Esther Vodola Minister

DEATHS — 1955

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Married, Single or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Nov 20 Littleton	Lyle E. Brown	75	Easton, N. H.	M	M	Farmer	Evander Brown	Ella Badger

